

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 938  
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Vernon M. "Pete" Rader,  
Sr. of Knoxville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Vernon M. "Pete" Rader, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rader was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rader served with acumen and alacrity as Captain with the Knox County Sheriff's Department for thirty years before his retirement, in which position he earned the respect of his peers, superiors, and the general public alike for the exemplary quality of his work and his unrelenting dedication to protecting and promoting the public safety; and

WHEREAS, a patriotic American, Mr. Rader proudly served in the United States Navy during World War II on the USS Butternut, and he thus held an exalted position among the many brave men and women who have defended our nation and freedom throughout American history; and

WHEREAS, a highly regarded citizen of his community, Mr. Rader was a member of the Beaumont Lions Club, Fraternal Order of Police, Junior Order, and the VFW; Mr. Rader had also served as President of the Beaumont Elementary School PTA and was instrumental in the establishment of the school's library; and

WHEREAS, serving for thirty years as an umpire and schedule-maker for TSSAA, college and recreational baseball and softball, he was a member of the East Tennessee Umpires Association; and

WHEREAS, instilling the value of good sportsmanship and competition in the area's youth, Mr. Rader coached Little League baseball, basketball, football, and boxing; and

WHEREAS, after becoming politically active in the Knox County Republican Party at the age of twenty-one, Mr. Rader devotedly served the Party as Precinct Chairman of the Twentieth Ward for over fifty years and had most recently served as the Party's Vice Chairman; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rader was an active and devout member of the Beaumont Avenue Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years as Deacon; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, Mr. Rader always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rader enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Doris L. Rader, for fifty-three years before her untimely passing and was the proud father of daughters and son-in-law, Joy McCroskey, Gay Berry, and Janet and Russell Greer; and sons and daughter-in-law, Jim and Cathy Rader, John Rader and V.M. Rader; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rader will also be sorely missed by his surviving brother, Eugene Rader; grandchildren, Lisa Hoffman, Jason Berry, Tony Rader, Alison Sapp, Kristy Olivarri, Brian Rader, Jennifer Roberts, Alecia Berry, Jodie Rader, Jenna Rader, and Cayla Rader; and seven great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pete Rader leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Vernon M. "Pete" Rader, Sr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character as a law enforcement officer and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Rader.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy